

October 12, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

SUBJECT: Comment on Energy Resources in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I would like to comment on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration: Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the *GWNF should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.*

Wind Energy: The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. For their protection, and to prevent the disruption of natural systems, views, and recreational uses entailed by wind farm infrastructure, *industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.*

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support the proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. *But the ban should be extended to prohibit all oil and gas drilling in the GWNF.* Hydraulic fracturing (used in both vertical and horizontal drilling) is potentially dangerous to water and natural habitat. The recent explosion and blowout in BP's Deep Water Horizon debacle demonstrates that *supposedly advanced technologies of resource extraction are vulnerable to disastrous surprises.* The natural gas industry has plenty of extraction opportunities outside the GWNF, so there's no need to set this ecologically and recreationally valuable area at risk for minor economic benefit. Also, the infrastructure accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy, or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Mark Heinicke
25 Sweet Pea Rd.
Ruckersville, VA 22968

mark_heinicke@earthlink.net

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


1207 Bellevue Ave
Charlottesville Va 22901

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Elish R. Fitzgerald
915 Blenheim Ave
Charlottesville VA 22902

Eric Gilchrist
1207 Bellevue Ave
Charlottesville, VA

22901

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Deborah Myers
3285 Gateway Circle
Charlottesville, VA 22911
(434) 953-6980

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

 Wellbeloved Stone
1028 Cottonwood Rd
Charlottesville VA 22901

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Beth Dzanler
142 Bayla Lane
Charlottesville, VA
22902

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Ronald Bandetti
8251 Rockfish River Rd.
Schuyler, Va. 22969

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Jason Halbert
803 Stonehenge Ave
Charlottesville, VA 22902

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Charles Clarkson
915 Blenheim Ave.
Charlottesville, VA 22902

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Nancy Yuanta

8251 Rockfish River Rd.

Schuyler VA 22969

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Stephen Keach
1506 Grove Rd
Charlottesville, VA 22901

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Virginia Barber MD
199 Spotnap Rd. #4
O'ville, VA. 22911

home: 6599 Foxcliff Ln.
Crozet VA. 22932

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Laurel Royse

5685 Wyant Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Laurel Royse

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

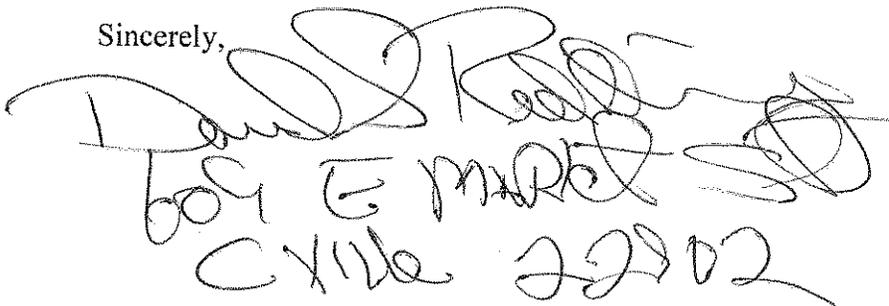
Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


DAVID R. KEEN
CY 1126 22202

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

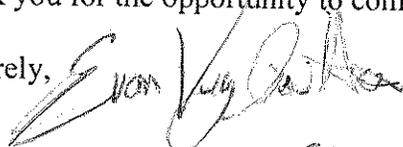
Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


1300 A Poplar St.
Charlottesville, V.A. 22902

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Betsy Shorter

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


1028 Cottonwood
Charlottesville VA 22901
Rick Wellbeloved-Stone

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



142 Baylor Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22902

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Joanie Freeman
1609 E Market St. #207
Charlottesville, Va 22902

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Charlottesville, VA

August 4, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

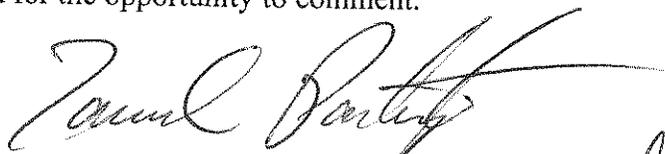
Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



*We have been careless for too long—
and time is running out—
thanks for your work—Paul*

August 21, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

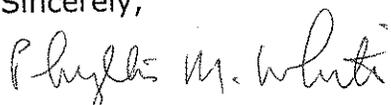
Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



September 19, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

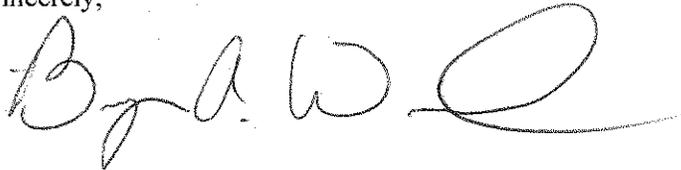
Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than in using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. A. W. Q.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

September 19, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than in using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Jacklyn Mahore
Ch'ville VA

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Pamela Johnson
650 Chapel Hill
Charlottesville, VA 22901

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Sally Bastian
Charlottesville VA 22902

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Charlottesville VA

September 19, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than in using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Charly Sullivan, VA

September 19, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than in using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Neil Desai

Gene Oakes, NY 11004

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Bob & Mark DeBar

605 Shanrock Rd

Charlottesville, VA 22903

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

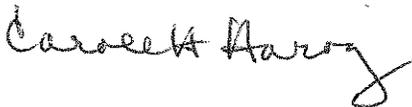
Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Lami Kucunoglu + Shara Hyzer
2245 Craigs Store Rd Afton VA 22920

August 21, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington Plan Revision
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019
comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are homes for many rare species and special biological areas. Because of this and because of the huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial wind generation, and in order to protect our beautiful mountain vistas, industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than is using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


311 Gloucester Rd.
Charlottesville
VA 22901

September 19, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as carbon sinks than in using forest resources as fuel or as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Brooks T. Broadwater
Brooks T. Broadwater
6352 Taylor Creek Rd
Afton, VA 22920

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mary H. Coleman
1288 Oak Hill Rd.
Kesevick, VA 22947

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

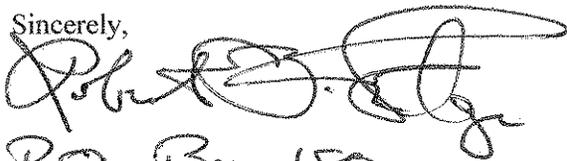
Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



P.O. Box 150

Batesville, VA 22924

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



12613 Forest Hills Ave

Charlottesville, VA 22903

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



236 Strubing Ave,
CVC, 22903

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Rhea Baldino
2575 Lake Albemarle Rd.
Charlottesville, VA 22901

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Charlottesville, VA

109 Ivy Dr. Apt #2

Charlottesville, VA 22903

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Manfred R. Risher
617 St. Clair Ave
Charlottesville, VA

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Stephance Hammer
103 Hickory Lane
Barboursville VA 22923

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Stephen DUNSTAN
481 Race Ground Rd
Somerset VA 22972

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


916 St. Clair Ave
Charlottesville, VA 22903

September 24, 2011

Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dear Supervisor Hyzer,

I wish to submit the following comments on **Energy Resources** in the 2011 George Washington National Forest Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Biomass Incineration – Using our standing forests as a fuel source for biomass incinerators and electricity generation is a terrible idea. Because of the huge volumes of fuel—trees—and water necessary and the large amount of air pollution—fine particulates and CO₂—that accompany biomass incineration, the George Washington National Forest should not allow timber sales that fuel biomass incinerators. “Whole tree” harvesting is an entirely inappropriate method of timber harvest and should not be permitted.

Wind Energy – The mountain ridges of the George Washington National Forest are flyways for birds and bats and are home to many rare species and Special Biological Areas. The huge surface areas—clearings, platforms and roads—necessarily cleared and developed for industrial scale wind generation would irreparably fragment and destroy sensitive habitats and our beautiful mountain vistas. Industrial scale wind energy should not be allowed in the George Washington National Forest.

Gas and Oil Extraction – I support your proposed ban on horizontal drilling in the Forest. But making more oil and gas leases available in the George Washington National Forest would lead to dangerous impacts to water quality on the forest. The draft plan allows standard oil and gas leasing, at least in some form, on roughly 994,000 acres, or 93% of the forest. The development accompanying wells, platforms and wellheads would compromise recreation, scenic and biological resources. The forest should not make any further leases available and existing leases should be removed from lease availability when they expire.

In dealing with the effects of climate change, standing forests and soils are more valuable as a carbon sink than as a source of renewable energy. Please make necessary changes so that the Final Land and Resource Management Plan for The George Washington National Forest does not allow for fuel for biomass incineration, industrial scale wind energy or further gas and oil leases on the forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

 1039 Locust Avenue 22901
Cville VA